

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:20-cr-00060-MR-WCM-1**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	<u>ORDER</u>
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AMANDA DALE TRULL,)	
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Defendant.)	
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THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's Motion to Seal Unredacted Exhibit 1 to Sentencing Memorandum [Doc. 27].

The Defendant moves for leave to file under seal an unredacted Exhibit [Doc. 28] to her Sentencing Memorandum. [Doc. 27]. For grounds, counsel states that the unredacted Exhibit contains detailed sensitive and private personal information concerning the abuse of the Defendant as a child and information regarding other individuals not a party to this case. [Id.].

Before sealing a court document, the Court must "(1) provide public notice of the request to seal and allow interested parties a reasonable opportunity to object, (2) consider less drastic alternatives to sealing the documents, and (3) provide specific reasons and factual findings supporting its decision to seal the documents and for rejecting the alternatives."

Ashcraft v. Conoco, Inc., 218 F.3d 288, 302 (4th Cir. 2000). In the present case, the public has been provided with adequate notice and an opportunity to object to the Defendant's motion. The Defendant filed her motion and the proposed redacted version of her exhibit on October 25, 2021, and they have been accessible to the public through the Court's electronic case filing system since that time. Further, the Defendant has demonstrated that the redacted portions of the exhibit contain sensitive information and that the public's right of access to such information is substantially outweighed by the parties' competing interests in protecting the details of such information. See United States v. Harris, 890 F.3d 480, 492 (4th Cir. 2018). Finally, having considered less drastic alternatives to sealing the document, the Court concludes that sealing of the Exhibit is necessary to protect the parties' interest in preventing the disclosure of this sensitive information.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion to Seal Unredacted Exhibit 1 to Sentencing Memorandum [Doc. 27] is **GRANTED**, and the unredacted Exhibit [Doc. 28] shall be filed under seal and shall remain under seal until further Order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: November 8, 2021



Martin Reidinger
Chief United States District Judge

